established in April, 1990 to function as an Apex Bank for tiny and small scale industries. The paid up capital of this bank is Rs. 250 crores.

SIDBI has been organising rehabilitation meets in different States to help primary lending institutions (PLIS) and promoters in drawing up mutually acceptable rehabilitation packages for potentially viable sick SSI units. During 1990-91, 23 meets were organised at 14 centres where cases of over 250 units were discussed. The response from the PLIs and borrowers to such meets has been encouraging.

A separate Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation (RSR) is being operated by SIDBI for revival of potentially viable sick units.

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Telecast of Serials

4931. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid for telecast of serials Ramayana, Mahabharat and Tipu Sultan; and

(b) the name of serials approved for telecast during the "Prime Slot" allotted to the earlier serials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Doordarshan has not paid any amount for telecast of the serials Ramayana, Mahabharat and Tipu Sultan as these were telecast as sponsored programmes produced by outside producers.

(b) No single slot can be exclusively treated as "Prime Slot" as 'prime time' concept is a function of the convenience of the viewers and the popularity of the programmes. The following serials have been approved for telecast at the 9.00 P.M. slot or Sunday morning slots:

(1) Udaan II

(2) Banu Begum

(3) Yeh Duniya Ghazab Ki

(4) Kahkashan

(5) Majhdhar

(6) Ashiana

(7) Hamrahi

(8) Bhoot Nath

(9) Shrikant

(10) Anmol Ratan

(11) Kashish

(12) Save the Child

(13) National Parliament Quiz.

Travancore Titanium Products

4933. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise Travancore Titanium Products, Chavara in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the functioning and profit of Titanium Products is better than the previous years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Firms Black-Listed by Kendriya Bhandar

4934. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the firms that were black-listed by the Kendriya Bhandar during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for taking such a course of action, firm-wise;

(c) the number out of these black-listed firms were re-introduced with reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of complaints received from the Government departments about the poor quality of supply of stationery and the other items to them during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No firm has been black-listed by the Kendriya Bhandar during the last three ye

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) As per available records 16 written complaints were received from Government Departments about supplies of stationery and other items made to them during the last three years. Most of the complaints were of minor nature and were attended to by the Kendriya Bhandar by replacing the supplies wherever—it was justified. In one case a price reduction was given to the customer and appropriate action has been taken against the concerned firm.

Blacklisting of Firms by Super Bazar

4935. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the firms blacklisted by the Super Bazar so far;

(b) the reasons for taking such a course of action, case-wise:

(c) how many of these blacklisted firms were re-introduced with reasons thereof; and

(d) the number of complaints received from the Government departments about the poor quality of supply of stationery and other items of them during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Super Bazar has blacklisted six firms so far in the preceding five years. Teh names of the firms alongwith reasons for taking such action against them are as below:—

(1) M/s. Advance Hosiery Mills, Ludhiana, Supplier of Woollen/ Acrylic garments. This firm was blacklisted as their representative was found making supplies by way of unethical trade practices.

(2) M/s. Brawn Pharma, Supplier of medicines on account of supplying substandard quality of B. Complex Capsules.